

2400 SIGNATURES SWING 1 VOTE, COUNCIL PASSES RABIES LAW, 3-2

Nominal Cost— Rabies Shots \$2

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

Despite frantic efforts to thwart off reconsideration of the rabies law, the ordinance was revived again Tuesday night and passed by a 3-2 vote before a tense crowd which filled the council chamber to capacity.

Responsible for reversing the Council's original stand on the issue was Councilman Mervin M. Schwab who changed his former 'no' vote to a 'yes' vote as a result of petitions bearing 2428 signatures in favor of the law and the fact that three South Bay cities and Hawthorne have now passed a rabies law.

That left Councilman Schwab, Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Benstead voting for the law, with Councilmen Nick Draie and Willys Blount still opposed to it.

The three councilmen were determined to settle the matter once and for all Tuesday night despite attempts made by Draie and Blount to postpone action "till further study" and stalling tactics whereby the two councilmen tried to open the matter for further discussion "from the floor."

Rita Delmar and Estelle Taylor of Los Angeles and company who have been fighting doggedly against a rabies law, were present again for a last ditch stand in Torrance, where only two months ago, they emerged victorious.

Tide Turns
But the tide against them had been turning ever since, dashed with victory, they were rebuffed by Manhattan recently, and swiftly lost out in the cities of Hermosa, Redondo, Hawthorne, and now Torrance. At one point Tuesday night, Mayor Isen called the police chief to clear the chamber if Miss Delmar and her follow-



CARL C. BENNER
... promoted.

BENNER RECEIVES PROMOTION

C. C. Morgan, general superintendent of Torrance Works of the Columbia-Geneva Steel division, today announced the promotion of Carl C. Benner to the position of foreman-electrical maintenance, effective September 16.

Benner will replace H. W. Kossoff who will assume A. J. Maskrey's duties as foreman-machine shop following Maskrey's retirement at the end of this month.

Benner commenced work at the local Columbia-Geneva Steel division plant on July 9.

FIREMEN COMPLETE BIG MOVE

Firemen and officials at Torrance Fire Department Headquarters were full of good spirits this week as the long-awaited move to the new fire station at Crenshaw and Carson was made.

The new station will be the nerve center for the city's fire fighting forces.

Announcement of an open house for the benefit of the public will be made soon, according to Fire Chief J. J. Benner.

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Enumerators to Start Counting Noses Monday

This is the third time since 1950 that noses will be counted in Torrance, with the actual canvassing to get under way this Monday, according to Elijah B. Lewis, special census supervisor.

About 100 enumerators will go into the field to take the census. They will receive instruction today and tomorrow and will be ready to start out at the beginning of the week.

It is very important that every resident now residing in Torrance be counted in this

survey, because the larger the population, the more money the city will receive from the State.

The fact that individuals were counted in the last census does not mean that they have already been included automatically in this census. Everyone will have to be counted all over again.

Individuals who do not expect to be home are asked to leave a sealed envelope with their neighbor or landlord containing

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EDITORIAL

Victory and Honor

A great victory was won this week in Torrance.

The Torrance City Council, which only two months ago rejected a rabies law, passed such a law this week by a 3-2 vote.

In a sense, the final hero of that victory was Councilman Mervin M. Schwab.

Councilman Schwab voted against the law two months ago, helping to defeat it. Tuesday night he reversed his position, enabling the law to pass.

NOBLE ACTION

Such action takes courage, even more courage than to fight unflinchingly for a cause.

It takes a special kind of bigness to admit an honest change of heart and mind, and then to act accordingly. Councilman Schwab is to be commended for the strength he has shown.

Praise is no less due Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor Benstead who, from the very start, championed the cause of the rabies law firmly and resolutely, and who spoke forth clearly and courageously at a time when the eyes of Los Angeles and the South Bay area were upon them and they had, as their only guide, the unequivocal testimony of fact and their own common sense.

The Torrance Press is proud of the fact that it fired the opening guns in the campaign for a rabies law in Torrance and the South Bay area.

But our battle cry to action would have faded into oblivion if it had not fallen on receptive ears who came to the support of this cause and carried the battle forward.

LOCAL RESIDENTS ACT

It is to these individuals that the honor of victory goes: To the physicians of the Torrance Memorial hospital who stood unanimous on behalf of public health;

To Dr. Clinton H. Thienes and the Citizens Committee for Better Health who have made such a thorough and comprehensive study of the problem and championed its cause in the field;

To the official and unofficial support of individuals in a number of professions;

To the remarkable grass roots movement which caused the creation overnight of the Committee for Control of Rabies whose members were responsible for gathering the 2400 signatures which so decisively changed the tide;

To the many unnamed individuals who spoke out for what they thought was right and true through petitions and deeds in the noblest tradition of a democratic society.

We congratulate the people of Torrance. We are proud to be a part of this community where the will of the majority prevails.

53 Join Hospital Volunteers

Wholehearted response by local residents to an appeal for volunteer help in the children's ward of Harbor General hospital received the praise of hospital officials and volunteer group officials alike this week.

"A total of 53 people attended the first organizational meeting held Monday night at the hospital," Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, chairman of the volunteer service, stated.

Amazed

"This has been the biggest turnout of volunteers that the hospital has ever had," A. L. Thomas, hospital director, was quoted as saying.

Volunteers filled out preference sheets and work is now under way to line up the various schedules for them. The actual visits to the children's wards and the whole volunteer program will probably get under way within six weeks, when all the preliminaries, including training, will have been completed, Mrs. Stoddard stated.

More Needed

While many volunteers have already registered, new ones are still being sought. Individuals who have two hours a week spare time to devote to

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DRAINAGE CONTRACT AWARDED

County board of supervisors this week awarded construction contract for the Arlington Glenburn bond issue storm drain, project number 242, in North Torrance to the Pacific Allied Construction company, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reports.

The contract price of \$278,400 is \$19,717.50 below the engineer's estimate.

Designed by Torrance City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop, the project calls for the construction of two main line drains, both of reinforced concrete pipe 60 inches or more in diameter. One line will be built along Arlington from Redondo Beach Boulevard to Dominguez channel. The other from the

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They Came Bright and Early...

They came as early as 7 o'clock in the morning with their Torrance Press tucked under their arm.

That's what Mrs. P. J. Jeffway of 25604 Oak St., Lomita, said, who rented her trailer cabin right off the bat Thursday morning.

Her result-getting ad which ran in the Torrance Press classified section read as follows:

SMALL Trailer cabin for rent. 25604 Oak St., Lomita. Call in noon.

You don't have to worry about results—all you have to worry about is getting up on time to answer the phone or doorbell Thursday morning.

To place your ad, call FA. 8-2345 and a friendly classified salesgirl will help you word your ad just right.

Instead of calling, you may also fill out the handy classified coupon on page 33 and mail it in.

SIGHT PRESERVATION



WHITE CANE DAY has been set for Friday and Saturday, September 16-17. Making his contribution to the Lion's club sight conservation program is Mayor Albert Isen, with Mott Farrell, Lions proxy, receiving the money. The sightly young miss is Pauline Greer.—Press Photo.

Dow Chemical Plans New Local Plant

Dow Chemical company said this week it will start construction in Torrance this month of a new plant for the manufacture of styrofoam, an expanded, lightweight, multicellular plastic, used for low temperature insulation.

The factory, expected to be in production next January 1, will

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Council Will Not Meet Next Week

There will be no council meeting next week, September 20, because members of the council will attend a conference in San Francisco. The next meeting will be September 27 at 8 p.m.

Vandalism

The Masonic Temple was entered again and soft drinks were poured over the furniture and rugs and papers and books scattered, according to police.

Baby Girl Saved From Drowning

Two firemen were credited with saving the life of a one-year-old Lomita girl last week after she was found face down in her bathtub.

Carla Stroup of 1954 W. 254th street was revived by Firemen John Hunter and Joe Ankerberg who were summoned to the scene by neighbors after Carla's 10-year-old sister came running for help.

The sister said she was giving the baby a bath and went to another room after a towel. When she returned, she found the baby face down in the tub.

The children's mother was away from home at the time.

The baby was taken to Harbor General hospital where the girl was reported recovering.

Pound to Give Away 'Pets During 'Dog Week'

As part of National Dog Week, officials of the South Bay Humane Society this week declared that unclaimed dogs will be given away free except for the cost of the license during the week of September 18-19 inclusive.

The animal shelter is located at 20336 Earl street (Earl street is about one block west of Hawthorne avenue on Torrance boulevard.)

"We have about 100 dogs looking for a home—ranging anywhere from a mutt to a poodle," stated Mrs. Francis Fallon, who together with her husband, manages the shelter.

The Fallons and their staff of eight love animals. They have quite a variety at the shelter, at times including dogs, cats, turtles, possums, seagulls, guinea pigs, rabbits, ducks, chickens, snakes, skunks and goats.

The Fallons are anxious to see people come to adopt the dogs because many of them would make wonderful household pets.

It's a shame to see them cooped up like this," Robert Corrao, humane officer, commented.



'COME AND GET ME' seems to be what this little pup is saying. It's one of a number of pups looking for a good home and will be given away free except for the cost of the license during the week September 18-24.—Press Photo.

Mothers Form Chain Across Hawthorne

Mothers of students going to Meadow Park elementary school were up in arms Wednesday, planning to form a human chain across Hawthorne ave., and 230th st., to enable youngsters to cross safely.

The mothers protested the lack of traffic control and stated they would continue to block traffic to assure safe conduct to their children until the State Department of Highways installs safety features.

The responsibility for safety measures at the intersection is strictly a State matter, it was pointed out.

Douglas Expansion Authorized By Navy

Expansion of facilities at the Torrance location, El Segundo division, Douglas Aircraft company, has been authorized by the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics because of a great need for more space to meet increased production requirements for the Navy's F4D Skyray interceptor.

The increase is approximately 10 per cent. When all new construction is completed, the Torrance facility will have 1,669,886 square feet of covered floor space.

There are eight projects underway at the present time, and one more is planned for the

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Identification Cards Issued Press Boys

Torrance newsboys have been issued identification cards which they will carry with them when making their monthly collections.

Boys should not be paid unless they show their identification card which is intended to protect them as well as our readers.

The wallet-size white card carries a picture of the boy, a serial number, and the carrier's name.

Every resident within our circulation area is entitled to a free copy of The Torrance Press. The money given our Merchant Newsboys is for their services only. The boys keep whatever money they collect. Payment is strictly voluntary, as is the payment which you wish to pay. When paying be sure you are paying the boy whose picture appears on the identification card and also ask for your receipt.

Torrance Pilots Plan Community Aid Bureau



The answer to the question, "What can I do with my spare time?" can soon be solved for the residents of Torrance.

At the last meeting of the Torrance Pilot club the group decided to establish a Volunteer Bureau here which will serve as a contact and referral base for persons wishing to devote a few spare hours a week to aiding in one of the health or youth agencies.

The bureau will be part of the operation of the Harbor Area Welfare Planning council, a Community Chest-supported agency.

Miss Evelyn Davis, director of Volunteer Bureaus, announced at the club meeting that a survey has disclosed a deep need for aid at Harbor General Hospital, the community centers, Camp Fire Girls, city recreation departments, city health departments, and Community Chest, and the American Red Cross.

Heading the committee in charge of finding a suitable office for the bureau are Ann Higgins, Herma Tillim, and Mildred Krueger. The opening of the first volunteer bureau in the Los Angeles Area began in 1948 in Los Angeles. Since then other areas have established bureaus, the San Fernando Valley in 1950 and West Los Angeles in 1951.

COMMUNITY AID—Heading the committee in charge of establishing a Volunteer Bureau to aid health and service organizations here are Ann Higgins and Herma Tillim. The committee is seeking a suitable office for the bureau. The project is under the sponsorship of the Torrance Pilot club.—Herb Phillips Photo.

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